

Applic. No. 10/735,232  
Amdt. dated June 6, 2006  
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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1 and 3-9 are now in the application. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Claim 9 has been added. Claim 2 is being cancelled herewith.

In item 4 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claim 1 has been rejected as being fully anticipated by Strecker (U.S. Patent No. 2,670,955) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

In item 5 on page 3 of the Office action, claim 8 has been rejected as being obvious over Strecker (U.S. Patent No. 2,670,955) in view of Hsiue (U.S. Patent No. 3,998,141) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

It is appreciatively noted from item 6 on page 4 of the Office action that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable. Since

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claim 1 is allowable, dependent claims 3-8 are allowable as well.

New claim 9 is original claim 1 amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 3. Therefore, claim 9 is believed to be allowable as well.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

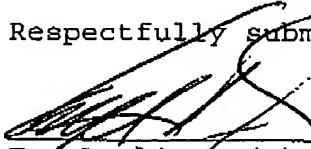
Since only allowable claims remain, the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited herewith.

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